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THE LEGACY OF DISCRIMINATION- WHAT ARE WE LEAVING OUR CHILDREN ?

Many heterosexual members of the community of El Paso County will be asked to vote yes or no on Amendment 2, yet many are either unaware of such an amendment, or do not understand it. It is important that this segment of the population begin thinking about the implications of such an amendment to the constitution on various segments of the community, not just the homosexual members of our community. Since many of the events around town on Amendment 2 have attracted the individuals that are already educated on the subject, it is time to stimulate the interest of the rest of the community who are largely ignoring this issue.

To reach the heterosexual and especially the multicultural groups in town, The El Paso County Chapter of the National Organization For Women is sponsoring an event packed afternoon filled with storytellers, speakers, singers, and musicians, entitled, " The Legacy of Discrimination - What are We Leaving Our Children ?", at The Westside Intergenerational Learning Center, 25 N. 20th Street, 2-4 p.m., on Sunday November 1st.

Dr. Ruben Martinez, UCCS Professor of Sociology, will address the issue of what feeds discrimination and what groups are behind the Amendment 2 Ballot initiative. Other issues to be addressed by the host of speakers and storytellers are, "If Amendment 2 passes, what will this mean for the heterosexual population, will there be a further erosion of civil rights in the future ?", " What are the parallels between Amendment 2 and civil rights legislation the was being proposed in the 1950's in the south designed to limit rights of African Americans ?", " Why should people of color be concerned about this amendment ?", "Why is it more attractive to many social and religious institutions to work towards limiting civil rights, rather than using their time and money to help solve social ills such as teenage pregnancy, teenage dropout among minorities, generational poverty, and juvenile delinquency ?". It is important for heterosexual members of the community to begin thinking about the implications of such an amendment before the November 3rd elections . For further information public can call 570-1153. The program is free of charge.